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FOR EUR/NE AND DG PER WORTZEL

1. SAW SIR EDWIN LEATHER GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA THIS MORNING APRIL 2.
HE RAISED QUESTION OF QUOTE THIS MAN WHO IS GETTING ALL THE
PUBLICITY IN THE PAPER, MR. SHELTON UNQUOTE.

2. CONGEN STATED THAT HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON AND THAT
AT THE MOMENT THERE WAS NO FINAL OR OFFICIAL WORD ON HIS
REPLACEMENT ALTHOUGH HE WAS AWARE THAT MR. RAND'S NAME HAD
BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FCO.

3. THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE HAD CONVEYED TO THE FCO THE GOB'S
ACCEPTANCE OF S. RICHARD RAND AS THE NEXT U.S. CONGEN TO BERMUDA.
HE ADDED THE SAME MESSAGE INFORMED FCO THAT TURNER B. SHELTON WAS
NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOB AS CONGEN BERMUDA.

4. WHEN QUERIED BY FCO AS TO WHY SHELTON WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE GOVERNOR
VOLUNTEERED TO CONGEN THAT GOB'S DECISION MADE IN PART BY
NEWSPAPER STORIES, CONSULTATION WITH BILL RAGAN OF RAGAN & MASON
WASHINGTON AND DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLETT
(FORMERLY AG BAHAMAS) AND FORMER BERMUDA GOVERNOR LORD
MARTONMERE BOTH OF WHOM KNEW SHELTON IN THE BAHAMAS.

5. CONGEN ASKED IF HE COULD CONVEY GOVERNOR'S REMARKS TO WASHINGTON.
THE REPLY WAS QUOTE CERTAINLY UNQUOTE.

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6. NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED HERE PENDING ADVICE FROM
WASHINGTON.
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